

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action, Applicants amend the application and seek reconsideration thereof. In this response, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17 are amended. Claims 3, 7, 11 and 20 have been canceled. In this amendment, no claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-2 4-6, 8-10, 12-19 and 21-22 are pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant has amended the claims to include subject matter that the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Specifically, Applicants have placed the previously objected claims in independent form or incorporated them into their respective base claim. Accordingly, all claims now pending should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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